



2024

Wenzao AI Speaking Stars:

The Ultimate Read Aloud & Shadowing Battle

Guidelines and Procedures for Participation



Item	Description
Teem	Currently enrolled students from all departments and academic programs in Wenzao can
Competition	participate to learn English accurately and effectively, improve their spoken English
Objective	skills, strengthen their workplace competitiveness, and foster a diverse English learning
	environment.
Organizer	Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages- Language Diagnostic & Consulting Center
Co-Organizer	L LABS INC.
Time	
for Registration	From October 21, 2024, at 09:00 AM to October 31, 2024, at 12:00 PM
Online Preliminary	E N 1 4 2024 - N 1 22 2024 - 12 00 PM (1 610 1)
Competition Time	From November 4, 2024, to November 22, 2024, at 12:00 PM (a total of 19 days).
Online Final	From December 4, 2024, at 3:10 PM to 5:00 PM (each session is expected to last one
Competition Time	hour, with 5 teams competing in each session).
C 1:1:	No division into categories; the competition will be conducted as a team format, with all
Competition	participating teams consisting of three members (one member designated as the team
Groups/Formats	captain).
	A. Students from different departments at Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages
Eligibility	may participate.
	B. The top 10 teams from the preliminary competition will advance to the final.
	Online Preliminary: Participating teams will independently access the competition
	content online during the preliminary competition, and rankings will be determined
Competition	according to their total scores.
Method	On-site Final Competition: Teams will compete at the Language Diagnostic &
	Consulting Center (3rd Floor, Lourdes Building) at the scheduled times.
Preliminary	Teams will compete in a knockout round based on the combined scores from two rounds,
Competition Mode	with the formats being reading aloud and shadowing.
Final	The final will be conducted as a ranking competition based on the total scores from two
Competition Mode	rounds, with formats including reading aloud and shadowing.
1	Contestants are requested to follow the steps outlined below to successfully register their
	teams and enter the preliminary competition: (For detailed information, please refer to
	the guidelines for the preliminary team registration/participation process.)
	STEP 1: Each team member should scan the competition QR Code or click the URL to
	install/open and log in to MyET.
	STEP 2: For each team:
	(I) Select a team name.
	(II) Group leader creates the team.
	(III) Let the team members know the team name.
	(IV) Team members search for and join the team.
Pagistration	(V) The leader assesses the members and completes the team before
Registration Process	registering. (Ensure that you read the team creation/joining process
FIOCESS	documentation in detail.)
	STEP 3: Team leaders must fill out the online registration form and upload the student
	identification cards of all members and audio file samples.
	Online Registration Form URL: https://reurl.cc/34Qbo8
	Each participating team may complete the above three steps before the
	preliminary round begins.
	STEP 4: Once the preliminary competition begins, scan the provided QR Code or access
	the URL, then log into MyET using your personal login details to commence the
	competition.
	URL for the Shadowing Competition: https://llabs.app.link/TWN-WTUC_C6204
	Authorization Code for the Shadowing Competition: [2024WZU1]



	URL for the Read Aloud Competition: https://llabs.app.link/TWN-WTUC C6205 Authorization Code for the Read Aloud Competition: [2024WZU2]		
Competition Process	Preliminary Competition: All team members should click on the URLs for both competitions, log in to MyET using their personal Wenzao portal and at the event introduction pages for the two competitions. Final Competition: The organizing committee will schedule and notify the advancing teams of their final competition time slots. All team members are allowed to complete the competition content only once within the competition period and cannot participate again. The organizing committee will sum the best single performance of each team member from the competitions and rank the teams based on their total scores.		
Time of Ranking Announcement	A. The advancing teams will be announced on the Language Diagnostic & Consulting		
Evaluation Method	The scoring tool is the 'MyET Automatic Speech Analysis System' (ASAS ©, Automatic Speech Analysis System, Republic of China Patent No. 189374). The final scores will be based on the total sum of the best performances of each team member from the four competitions. In the event of a tie in the total scores of participating teams, the rankings will be determined based on the total scores of pronunciation, intonation, fluency, and emphasis.		
Awards	 A. Team Awards for the Final Competition (Final Competition): a. First Place: Certificate and NT\$1,500 scholarship for each team. b. Second Place: Certificate and NT\$1,000 scholarship for each team. c. Third Place: Certificate and NT\$500 scholarship for each team. d. Perseverance Excellence Awards (4 groups): Certificate and NT\$300 Gift Voucher for each team. e. Hardworking Excellence Awards (3 groups): Certificate and NT\$200 Gift Voucher for each team. 		



Appendix 1 2024Wenzao AI Speaking Stars: The Ultimate Read Aloud & Shadowing Battle Guidelines On-site Final Competition Schedule

	On-	site Final Competition Schedule					
2024/12/04 (Wed.)							
Time	Process	Content	Location				
15:00-15:20	Group Competition Check-in	 Check-in (10minutes) ♦ Check-in with Student ID ♦ After completing check-in, please proceed to your seats as indicated on the seating arrangement. ♦ Do not operate the computer on your own before the instructions from the proctor. 	3rd Floor, Lourdes Building LDCC				
15:20-15:25	Competition guidelines	 ➤ Rules Explanation (5 minutes) (All 10 teams): ♦ Explain the competition process and rules. ♦ Explain the ranking calculation method. (End of the explanation. The second group of 5 teams, please move to the second-floor waiting zone.) 	3rd Floor, Lourdes Building LDCC				
The first session is planned from 15:25 to 16:05. The second session is planned from 16:10 to 16:50.	Group Competition: Pre-competition test / Official Competition	 ▶ Pre-competition test (10 minutes): ♦ Competitors will complete a pre-competition test. ▶ Official Competition - Shadowing Mode (10-15 minutes): ♦ Demonstrate the process for the official competition. ♦ Participants will take part in the "official competition." ♦ The official match will start with a 15-minute timer; once the time is up, the match ends, and all participants must stop using the computer. ♦ After each competition, staff will verify the handwritten total score and pronunciation score before participants conclude their competition. ♦ If any issues arise during the competition, participants should raise their hands for help. ▶ Official Competition - Read Aloud Mode (10-15 minutes): ♦ Demonstrate the process for the official competition. ♦ Participants will take part in the "official competition." ♦ The official competition will commence with a 15-minute countdown; once time is called, the competition concludes, and all participants must cease using their computers. ♦ After the competition, staff will check the handwritten total scores and pronunciation 	3rd Floor, Lourdes Building LDCC				



		scores before participants finish the competition. If any issues arise during the competition, participants should raise their hands for help. The first round is finished (please move to the second-floor waiting area). Second session: 5 teams Same procedure as above. The second round is finished (please move to the second-floor waiting area).	
Results will be announced after the competition.	Calculate team rankings	Staff will verify participants' scores and calculate rankings.	LDCC
Results will be announced after the competition.	Announce the rankings for the team competition /award prizes	 Language Diagnostic & Consulting Center website will announce the final scores for the team competition. Language Diagnostic & Consulting Center will award prizes and have a group photo session. 	LDCC

Note: Any changes to the competition schedule will be announced on the day of the event.



On-Site Final Competition Guidelines

- 1. Participants must bring a photo ID, such as a student ID or national ID, for check-in and verification.
- 2. To ensure the competition starts and finishes according to schedule, all participants must complete checkin on time.
- 3. The organizers will provide identical models of headsets and microphones for all participants at the competition site.

On-Site Final Competition Rules

- 1. All participants must enter the speaking competition hall once the official competition starts, begin their competition according to group, and complete the tasks within the set time. Scores are based on the highest points achieved within the time limit.
- 2. When the staff announces the end of the round, participants who haven't finished must stop immediately, set down their headphones, and refrain from using the computer. Any violation of this rule will result in a 10-point deduction.
- 3. During the competition, participants must refrain from talking to other contestants or teammates, as it may interfere with the competition. Any violations will result in a 10-point deduction for that round's score.
- 4. Before and during the official competition, participants are prohibited from rehearing (including entering practice mode or any other form of practice), exiting and re-entering the competition midway, or repeating the same competition after completion. Violators will incur a 10-point deduction from the total score (except in cases where the organizer identifies technical issues, such as equipment, software, or network errors).
- 5. During the official competition, the use of any electronic devices that could compromise the fairness of the event, such as mobile phones (which must be set to silent), recording devices, or translation devices, is strictly prohibited. Any violation will result in a 10-point deduction from the total score.
- 6. If staff detect any form of impersonation, the team's eligibility will be revoked, regardless of whether the competition has been completed.
- 7. During the official competition, participants are prohibited from launching any operating systems or applications unrelated to the designated competition software, MyET. Violators will be disqualified from the competition.
- 8. Participants must refrain from any actions that could disrupt others, such as loud noises, coughing, or banging on tables. Any form of interference will result in disqualification of the team.
- 9. If participants encounter any issues affecting their competition, such as malfunctioning computers or headphone/microphone equipment, they should immediately cease all actions and raise their hand for assistance. Staff will resolve the issue before allowing the participant to continue the competition.
- 10. Upon completing the official competition early, or when staff announce the end of the competition, participants should remain on the results page and raise their hand, waiting for staff to verify MyET scores and manually record both the total and pronunciation scores.
- 11. All final scores for each team will be based on the data recorded in MyET, supplemented by manual score records from the staff. No participant may contest the score records after the competition concludes.

Scoring Methods

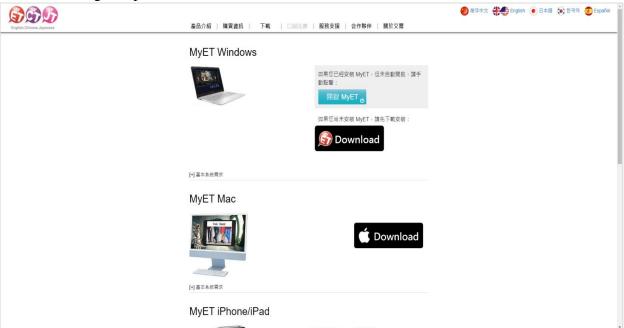
- 1. The MyET platform's recorded scores, with deductions for violations, will be the basis for calculating final results.
- 2. Individual participant scores are calculated to two decimal points.
- 3. Team scores will be calculated by adding the total scores from each team member in the two final competitions.
- 4. In the case of a tie in total team scores, teams will be ranked in order based on the cumulative scores of pronunciation, tone, fluency, and volume from both rounds.



Competition Process

Window PC/NB \ iPad \ Android Pad \ Mac

1. After the online preliminary round begins, team members can initiate the installed MyET APP's latest version on their devices by downloading or selecting the designated links for the Read Aloud and Shadowing competitions.



- 2. Contest team members should go to the introduction page for the Follow-Along and Reading Competition and click on "Login" at the top right corner. Use the same login account and password as the Wenzao Foreign Language University Information Service Portal to log into MyET.
- * Please ensure you have correctly accessed the school's dedicated server portal.
- * When using a public computer, do not select "Remember my account and password on this computer" before logging in.





- 3. Contest team members should go to the introduction page for the Follow-Along Competitions and click the "Start Competition" button to participate in the Follow-Along and Reading Competitions respectively.
 - * Follow-Along group competition name: 2024 "Wenzao Cup" Wenzao AI Speaking Contest [Follow-Along Competition]
 - * Reading group competition name: 2024 "Wenzao Cup" Wenzao AI Speaking Contest [Reading Competition]

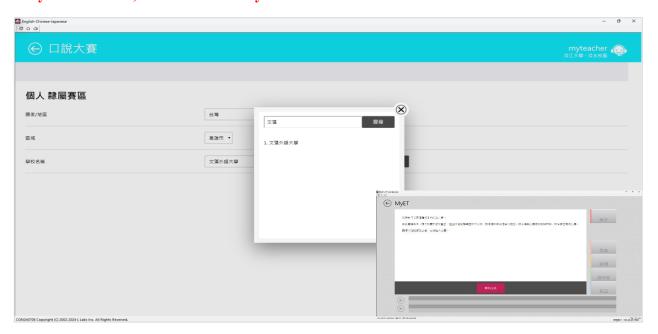


- 4. Once you enter the competition introduction page for the Follow-Along and Read-Along competitions for the first time, click the "Start Competition" button. A screen will appear prompting you to enter the competition-specific authorization code. Enter the authorization codes for the two competitions and click "Submit" to begin the competition.
 - *Follow-Along competition authorization code: 2024WZU1 (case-insensitive)
 - * Read-Along competition authorization code: 2024WZU2 (case-insensitive)
 - * The authorization code only needs to be entered the first time you participate in the competition.





- 5. Before entering the content for the reading competition or the recitation competition, if you have never participated in any MyET competition before, please fill in the competition area according to the location of your school, then click "Submit." The screen for starting the competition will then appear.
 - * Please select the county or city where your school is located, click the search button, enter the keyword "WZU," and then select your school.

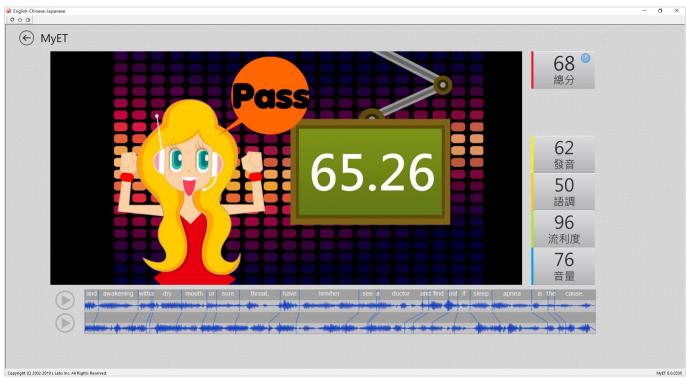


- 6. During the competition, whenever you see the "Please record" icon appear, please speak the sentence into the microphone and wait for MyET to evaluate your recording. Once the evaluation for that sentence is completed, MyET will automatically proceed to the next sentence in the competition. During the online preliminary rounds, you can participate in the competition an unlimited number of times, anytime and anywhere, until the competition time ends. MyET will use your highest score as the final result for that round.
 - * The recitation mode follows the format of (listen to one sentence, repeat one sentence).
 - * The reading mode follows the format of (listen to all sentences, then read each sentence while viewing the subtitles).

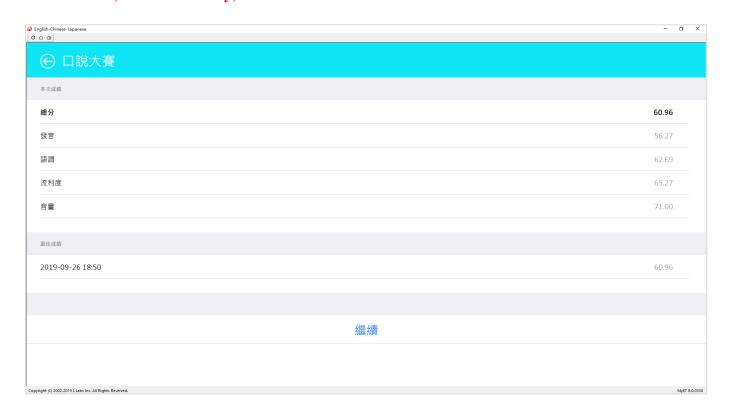




7. After completing the content for each competition round, please wait patiently for your scores to upload to the cloud. Do not close the software before your scores have been successfully uploaded and saved in the cloud, as this may prevent MyET from successfully submitting your results

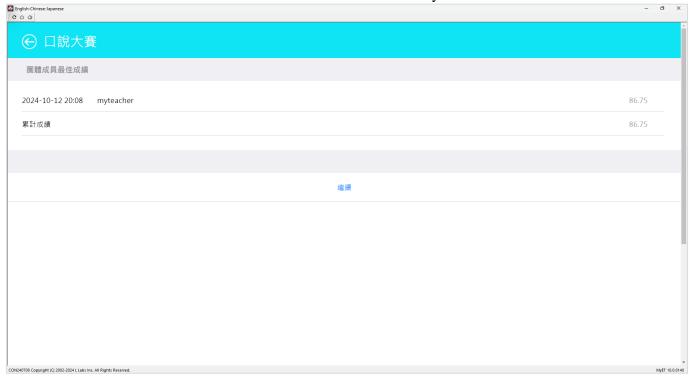


- 8. Once the scores for each competition round are uploaded to the cloud, you can view the scores for that round and your best score on the results screen. You will also be able to see the scores for pronunciation, intonation, and the other criteria.
 - * Each total score for every sentence is calculated based on a weighted sum of the four criteria percentages.
 - * The weight percentages for the four criteria are as follows: 50% for pronunciation, 20% for intonation, 20% for fluency, and 10% for volume.

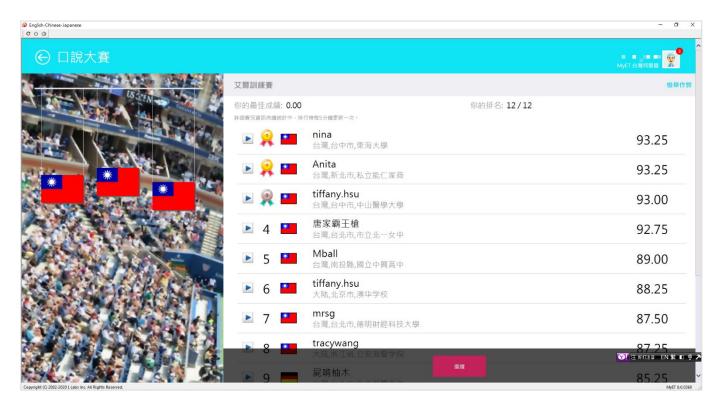




9. During the online preliminary rounds, after completing each competition, MyET will immediately display the best total score for each round and the cumulative score for your team.



10. Once you enter the leaderboard for the read-aloud or the shadowing competition, you can view the rankings of the top 40 participating teams for each round, based on their best total scores.





Recording Guidelines

- * It is recommended to compete in a quiet environment to avoid any noise interference that may affect your performance.
- * During the recording process, if you make a mistake, pause, or experience any noise interference while MyET has not yet evaluated that sentence, you must wait for the MyET "Recording" icon (as shown in Image 1) to appear before starting your recording again.
- 1. After MyET plays the audio file, and the "Recording" icon appears (see Image 1), please begin your recording (maintain the volume at 2.5 to 5 bars).
 - *Note: When not recording, keep the volume bar at 0.5 to 1.5 bars.



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2. When MyET displays the icon shown in Image 2, it indicates that MyET has not received any sound or that the recording volume is too low for analysis and scoring. At this time, please wait for MyET to return to the icon in Image 1 before starting your recording again. (It is recommended to speak at a volume that allows the volume bar to reach 3 to 6 bars while recording, as this minimizes the chances of MyET not capturing the audio).



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3. When MyET displays the icon shown in Image 3, it indicates that environmental noise or excessive recording volume is preventing MyET from analyzing and scoring your audio. At this time, please wait for MyET to return to the icon in Image 1 before starting your recording again. (It is recommended to lower the recording volume or increase the distance between the microphone and your mouth to minimize interference from environmental noise).



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<u>Participation Process</u> (iPhone/Android Phone Mobile Version)

1. After the online preliminary round begins, team members can activate the latest version of the MyET APP installed on their devices using the dedicated QR CODE for the reading and recitation competitions.







- 2. The team leader should go to the introduction page for the recitation competition and click on "Team" on the left side. This will bring up the login screen. Use the same login account and password as the personal portal for Wenzao Foreign Language University to log into MyET.
 - * Please ensure that you have correctly accessed the school's dedicated server.

 - * When using a public computer, do not select "Remember my account and password on this computer" before logging in.



- 3. Team members should go to the introduction page for the recitation and reading competitions and click the "Start Competition" button to participate in each event.
 - * The name of the Follow-Along team competition is "2024 Wenzao Cup Wenzao AI Speaking Stars Follow-Along Competition
 - * The name of the reading team competition is "2024 Wenzao Cup Wenzao AI Speaking Contest Reading Competition.



- 4. When entering the introduction page for the recitation and reading competitions for the first time, clicking the "Start Competition" button will display a prompt for entering the exclusive competition authorization code. Enter the specific authorization codes for both events and click "Submit" to start the competition.
 - * The authorization code for the recitation competition is: 2024WZU1 (case insensitive).
 - * The authorization code for the reading competition is: 2024WZU2 (case insensitive).
 - * The competition authorization code only needs to be entered the first time you participate in the event.





- 5. Before entering the content for the recitation or reading competitions, if you have never participated in any MyET competition before, please fill in the competition area according to the location of your school and click "Submit." This will display the pre-competition screen for that event.
 - *First, select the county and city where your school is located, then click the search button, and enter the keyword "Wenzao" to choose your school.



- 6. During the competition, whenever you see the "Please Record" prompt appear, please read the sentence aloud into the microphone and wait for MyET to score it. Once that sentence has been scored, MyET will automatically move on to the next sentence in the competition. During the online preliminary round, you can participate as many times as you like, at any time and place, until the competition time ends. MyET will use your highest score as the result for that round.
 - * The recitation mode is (listen to one sentence and repeat it).
 - * The reading mode is (listen to all the sentences and read them one by one with subtitles).



- Once the scores for each round of the competition are uploaded to the cloud, you can view the scores for that specific competition as well as your highest score on the results screen. You will also be able to see the scores for pronunciation, intonation, and other four criteria. After completing each round of competition, MyET will immediately display the team's best total score for each round and the cumulative total score.
 - *Each sentence's total score is calculated by summing the weighted percentages of four criteria.
 - *The percentages for the four criteria are as follows: pronunciation score accounts for 50%, intonation score for 20%, fluency score for 20%, and volume score for 10%.



Upon entering the leaderboard for the read-along or reading competition, you can see the rankings of the top 40 participating teams for each event, based on their best total scores in each round.

